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July 20, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**PROPOSITION 218 ASSESSMENT BALLOT
PORTION OF COYOTE CREEK CHANNEL IN ORANGE COUNTY
MOSQUITO, FIRE ANT AND DISEASE CONTROL DISTRICT
(3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Support the assessment on County-owned property within the boundaries of the Orange County Mosquito, Fire Ant and Disease Control Assessment District to provide insect and rodent control services in Orange County at a proposed assessment of \$13.55 per year on parcels owned by the County of Los Angeles Flood Control District for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004-05, and direct the Chief Administrative Office (CAO) to cast the ballot in support of the assessments for the properties.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Support of the proposed assessment district will provide for ongoing control of insect and rodent infestation and related diseases, which will contribute to improved public health, safety and comfort in the surrounding communities. The assessment district contains Assessor's Parcel Numbers 24226212, 24226123, 06658407, 06648005, and 06601036, which are owned by County of Los Angeles' Flood Control District and form a portion of the district's Coyote Creek Channel extending into Orange County.

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IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we improve the quality of life for the residents of the unincorporated communities by offering services responsive to each community's specific needs (Goal 6). Support for the proposed district assessment levied against the County property to fund vector control programs in an area adjacent to Los Angeles County will benefit public health and safety and fills an identified need that supports this strategy.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Under the proposed renewal, the assessment district's total assessment amount of \$4,300,000 per year for FY 2004-05 would provide for the continued control of insect and rodent infestation and related diseases. At a rate of \$2.71 per one-fifth acre, the total cost to the County is \$13.55, which may be adjusted in future years for any increases in the Consumer Price Index not to exceed three percent annually or a re-balloting of property owners.

The assessment will be paid by the Rent Expense Budget. The total amount can be charged to the occupying department, the County Flood Control District. The financial cost of paying this assessment can be absorbed within the district's FY 2004-05 appropriations.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The assessment district has been proposed to continue services previously funded by a special State grant to control Red Imported Fire Ants. This assessment would create a local funding source to resume Red Imported Fire Ant control services, to enhance funding for mosquito control and disease prevention services, and to more actively test for and respond to new diseases transmitted by mosquitoes, such as West Nile virus. These services will benefit the neighborhoods within the District as well as the adjacent communities in Los Angeles County.

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Proposition 218, approved by the voters in November 1996, requires public agencies to send ballots to all affected property owners prior to increasing or imposing a new assessment. The agency cannot increase an assessment or impose a new assessment if a majority of the ballots returned oppose the proposed assessment. The ballots are weighted according to the proposed assessment amount of the properties. In addition, publicly-owned properties are no longer exempt from the assessment unless the parcels receive no special benefit.

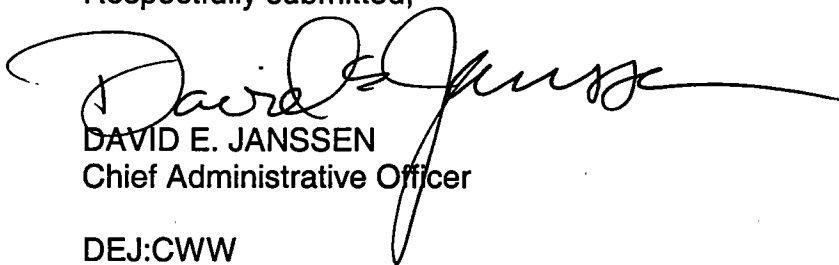
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of this benefit assessment will help improve the public health and comfort of all citizens within the assessment district and in the surrounding communities.

CONCLUSION

It is requested that the Executive Office, Board of Supervisors, return the adopted Board letter to the CAO, Real Estate Division, 222 South Hill Street, 4th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Respectfully submitted,



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DEJ:CWW
SDH:RC:dg

Attachment

c: County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Public Works

Haynie & Company, CPAs
4910 Campus Drive
Newport Beach, CA 92660-9676

**OFFICIAL ASSESSMENT BALLOT
MOSQUITO, FIRE ANT & DISEASE CONTROL
ASSESSMENT DISTRICT**

by the Orange County Vector Control District

- ☐ **YES**, I approve the proposed additional assessment for mosquito, fire ant and disease control services.
- ☐ **NO**, I do not approve the proposed additional assessment for mosquito, fire ant and disease control services.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Signature of Record Property Owner.

I hereby declare, under penalty of perjury, that I am the property owner or owner's authorized representative of the parcel(s) identified on this official ballot.

PLEASE SEE OTHER SIDE FOR PROPOSED ASSESSMENT

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900 S FREMONT AVE

ALHAMBRA CA 91803-1331

**See Other Side
for Ballot
Instructions**

FOLD SO THAT YOUR NAME IS ON THE INSIDE OF THE FOLD BEFORE PLACING THIS BALLOT IN THE RETURN ENVELOPE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE COMPLETION AND RETURN OF ORANGE COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT OFFICIAL BALLOTS

The attached mail ballot may be completed by the persons or firms owning property within the Orange County Vector Control District. An explanation of who may complete the ballot on behalf of the recorded property owner is provided at the bottom of this Official Ballot.

To count, ballots MUST be received before the end of the public input portion of the public hearing scheduled for July 22, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. in the City of Huntington Beach City Council Chambers, located at 2000 Main St., Huntington Beach, CA 92648.

You are invited to attend the public hearing. You may return your ballot in the following ways:

- 1) Mail your ballot in the enclosed return envelope so that it is received on or before July 22, 2004.
- 2) Deliver it to the Division's office, located at 13001 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove, CA 92843, on or before July 22, 2004.
- 3) Deliver it in person before the end of the public input portion of the public hearing to be held on July 22, 2004.

Who May Complete This Official Ballot

1. If the property is owned by an individual, the individual may sign.
2. If the property is owned by a corporation, the ballot may be signed for the corporation by an officer or officers authorized to make contracts by the corporate by-laws or by resolution of the corporation's Board of Directors.
3. If the property is owned by a partnership, any general partner may sign.
4. If two or more persons own the property as tenants-in-common or as joint tenancy, any one tenant-in-common, or joint tenant, may sign for all.
5. If a property is held by a husband and wife, either may sign for both.

Steps for Completing This Official Ballot

1. Verify that the owner name, addresses, and parcel number(s) listed on the ballot are correct. If they are not correct, please telephone the Orange County Vector Control District at (714) 971-2421.
2. Completely fill in the oval next to the word "YES" or "NO" to approve or disapprove of the formation of the proposed assessment district and the levying and collection of the proposed assessment. You may use a pencil or pen.
3. Sign and date the ballot. **After marking your vote, simply FOLD the ballot so that your vote is on the inside of the fold. Then place the ballot in the return envelope provided.** No postage is necessary to mail back your ballot.

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24226123	\$ 2.71
06658407	\$ 2.71

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06648005	\$ 2.71
06601036	\$ 2.71
28921180	\$ 0.00

PARCEL NUMBER	PROPOSED ASSESSMENT	PARCEL NUMBER	PROPOSED ASSESSMENT
27607113	\$ 0.00	26201323	\$ 0.00
26314106	\$ 0.00	26201101	\$ 0.00

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